

In 1968, Smith founded Tambourine and Fan to instill important culture, history, and tradition in New Orleans youth. He continues to teach classes modeled on those of the Freedom Schools during the 1964 Freedom Summer. "Children in the Center recite lyrics of 'Strange Fruit,' the names of the four young girls killed in the Birmingham, Alabama Church-fire of 1963, the Neville Brothers' 'Sister Rosa,' and chants of Mardi Gras Indians who will 'not bow down.'"

Jerome Smith has mentored multitudes of individuals across the city for decades and continues to do so. Smith is the definition of a true warrior, and his legacy continues to inspire people everywhere.

If it was not for the courage of this stellar man, I have to wonder if I would be allowed to stand before you today. For that, I am beyond humble to stand on his shoulders leading the constituents of Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District. The world could never thank him enough for all he has done in his lifetime. A huge thank you to Louisiana's adopted son as he continues his fight to stand for the rights of equal justice.

HONORING GABE CSIZMADIA AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-
TRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Gabe Csizmadia (he/him) was born and raised in Hungary in a family with strong ethical and family values. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 20 with the desire to build a better life and live the American Dream.

In 2014, Gabe earned his Master of Business Administration with honors from the University of Phoenix. In 2018, he began his career as a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Kissimmee, Florida. He serves his local community by offering financial literacy events and helping clients achieve their financial goals, with an increased focus on serving the LGBT members of his community.

As an active member of the Central Florida area, Gabe is a passionate advocate for human rights, animal welfare, and LGBT rights. Gabe proudly serves on the board of directors for The Pride Chamber in Orlando and chairs the Pride Chamber's Programming Committee with the mission to create and host inclusive programs and events for local LGBT business owners and allies. He also serves as one of the diversity and inclusion leaders for his region at his firm, Edward Jones, with the goal of raising awareness of inclusion in the workplace. His mission is to help create and foster an environment of belonging for all co-workers and to attract diverse talent to the firm.

Gabe resides in Kissimmee and operates his Edward Jones branch in Orlando, Florida. In his free time, he enjoys visiting the local theme parks, spending time in the kitchen making his favorite meals, and traveling the world with his husband, Ralph.

HONORING VERSAILLES,
KENTUCKY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the city of Versailles, Kentucky, on its 230th anniversary.

Located in Woodford County, Versailles was founded June 23rd, 1792. This was only 22 days after the Commonwealth of Kentucky was accepted into statehood. The city was located on 80 acres of land that was owned by Hezekiah Briscoe, who at that time was only a child. It was named for Versailles, France, in honor of General Lafayette and his contributions to the victory in the American Revolution.

Versailles is located in the beautiful Central Kentucky area. The area is renowned for its thoroughbred horse farms, bourbon distilleries, and small-town charm. Over its history, Versailles has been home to military leaders, artists, actors, athletes, and politicians. Tourists from all over the world visit this beautiful town, with the most famous visitors including Queen Elizabeth II and President George H.W. Bush. Versailles is currently led by Mayor Brian Traugott.

Thank you to the Woodford County Historical Society for preserving the history of this wonderful town and for organizing the 230th anniversary celebration. As the citizens of Versailles remember their history, I wish them all the best for a bright future.

ANTICIPATING U.S. VS. WALES IN
THE WORLD CUP

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations ahead of this year's World Cup in November. For the first time in 8 years, the U.S. men's national soccer team has qualified for the most important tournament in world soccer. As the Chairman of the Congressional Friends of Wales Caucus, I would also like to congratulate Wales on reaching the World Cup for the first time since 1958.

The historic links between the United States and Wales are very strong. The Welsh were among the early settlers to North America to pursue religious liberty and the opportunity to create a better life for themselves and their descendants. At least five signers of the Declaration of Independence had a Welsh background, including its primary author, Thomas Jefferson. By now there are endless links between the United States and Wales, from economic to academic to cultural connections.

On November 21, 2022, a new link will be created. The countries will face each other in the first match of their World Cup campaigns—and it will be the first time the United States and Wales have faced each other in a World Cup. This day will be a special day for Americans, Welsh, and Welsh-Americans all around the world to come together and celebrate what both countries have achieved.

As one of the millions of Welsh-Americans, I look forward to cheering both countries in the

World Cup—albeit on November 21 I will be supporting the United States.

HONORING DANIEL J. DOWNER AS
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Daniel J. Downer is a community advocate, facilitator, and public speaker with a long history of advocating for Black and Brown, LGBTQ+, racial, and social movements in Central Florida. Daniel combines his lived experience with his educational and professional expertise to create movements in addressing diversity, equity, health equity, HIV, inclusion, and LGBTQ+ issues.

Daniel currently serves as the executive director of The Bros in Convo Initiative, a community organization in Orlando educating and empowering gay and queer individuals of color through comprehensive health education, linkage, and peer support. He is also an associate facilitator for The Equality Institute, a boutique DEI firm providing relevant, impactful, and comprehensive solutions to organizations to help build and strengthen their strategy and infuse diversity and inclusion into the culture, enhancing outcomes for everyone.

Daniel sits on the board of directors of RAHMA, a Black Muslim-led organization addressing HIV/AIDS in faith communities through education, advocacy, and empowerment. He serves as the All-Black Lives Fund Steering Committee co-chair of Contigo Fund, a philanthropic effort to strengthen and network existing agencies and to identify and support grassroots efforts that advance Latinx and LGBTQ+ causes. He also sits on the board of directors of One Orlando Alliance and is the founder of the Black Boardroom Leadership Institute, a one-of-a-kind leadership training program that brings together both nonprofit organizations and leaders with a goal to guide culture change and create an ideal environment of inclusion of diverse voices in service to boards.

In acknowledgment of his commitment to health, racial, and social equity, Daniel was awarded the 2018 GLAAD Rising Star Award, the Red Door Foundation's 2019 Leadership Achievement Award, Watermark's Most Remarkable Person in Central Florida in 2020, and the Orlando Trailblazer Award in 2021 at the annual Harvey Milk Breakfast and LGBT+Center Diversity Awards.

RECOGNIZING THE JUNE CON-
STITUENT OF THE MONTH KEVIN
LEE

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Carlsbad resident Kevin Lee as my June Constituent of the Month. Lee has dedicated countless hours to advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and help